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D. AALC'S FUNK STATED THAT THE ONLY FUNDS FLOWING FROM AALC TO KENYA CIVIL SERVANTS UNION (KCSU) ARE UNDER IMPACT PROJECT 188 (SERIES OF SEMINARS AND ONE VEHICLE) NOW ONGOING WITH FULL WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM GOK AND WITH KNOWLEDGE OF COTU. JANUARY LETTER FROM O'FARRELL TO AKUMU INFORMS COTU THAT AALC WILL BE ASSISTING KCSU. AKUMU RAISED NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS WRITTEN INFORMATION NOR TO PREVIOUS VERBAL INFORMATION OF AALC INTENTIONS WITH KCSU.

2. IN EARLY MARCH 1974 AALC INFORMED KIMANI BY OPEN CABLE THAT AALC THROUGH CHASE MANHATTAN BANK WOULD GUARANTEE A DOLS. 25,000 LOAN FROM BANK OF KENYA TO KCSU FOR PERIOD ONE AND HALF YEARS TO ENABLE KCSU TO PURCHASE UNION OFFICE BUILDING. AALC HAS NOT REPEAT NOT GIVEN CASH IN CONNECTION THIS ARRANGEMENT AND HAS NOT MADE ANY COM-
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MITMENT TO GIVE CASH TO KCSU. THE ONLY AALC COMMITMENT

IS TO BANK OF KENYA IN UNLIKELY EVENT OF LOAN DEFAULT BY KCSU. THIS COMMITMENT ONLY FINALIZED FIRST WEEK OF MAY BY OPEN CABLES BETWEEN NAIROBI AND NEW YORK. THERE HAS BEEN NO ATTEMPT TO HIDE ANYTHING WITH AKUMU OR THE GOVERN-

MENT OF KENYA OR ANYONE ELSE.

3. O'FARRELL AND FUNK ARE IN GENEVA AND WILL DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH AKUMU THIS WEEK. IF THEY DEEM IT NECESSARY, THEY WILL ALSO SPEAK TO APPROPRIATE KENYA GOVERNMENT DELEGATES ILO ATTENDING CONFERENCE AND FURTHER WOULD BE PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO NAIROBI TO CLARIFY SITUATION IF REQUIRED. O'FARRELL AND FUNK CAN BE CONTACTED IF NECESSARY IN GENEVA THROUGH US MISSION UNTIL ABOUT JUNE L4. KISSINGER

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